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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE, SERIES, AND GRADE

Director, PCT Operations
GS-0301-14
Position is at the full performance level
Salary Range: \$91,407-\$118,828 per annum
Work Schedule: Full-time
Competitive Service
Non Bargaining
**POSITION SENSITIVITY: This is a
Moderate Risk position which requires a
Minimum Background Investigation (MBI).**

VACANCY LOCATION

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Office of initial Patent Examination,
PCT Operations
Alexandria, VA

AREA OF CONSIDERATION

All U.S. Citizens
CTAP/ICTAP Eligible

This vacancy is also being announced as Vacancy Ann. No. FGZ-06-0121-MP under Merit Promotion regulations. Please review that announcement to determine if you are eligible for consideration under Merit Promotion procedures. Note: Applicants must apply separately for each announcement to be considered under both vacancy announcements.

DUTIES: Serves as the Director of PCT Operations with overall responsibility through subordinate supervisors all PCT functions within the subordinate units. Develops goals and objectives that integrate PCT Operations with USPTO objectives. Establish metric and analysis systems to assess efficiency, effectiveness and compliance with treaty procedures. Assess the effect of changes in PCT provisions proposed foreign national and international bodies on USPTO operations, advising management and where appropriate suggesting adjustment to procedures. Identifies the need for special projects and initiates milestones and goals. Major goal of the organization is to insure that international patents are processed correctly and in accordance with treaties and new legislation. Responsible for finding and implementing ways to eliminate or reduce bottlenecks, and barriers to production, promote team building, or improve practices.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have one year of specialized experience which has equipped them with knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position, which is typical to the work of the position to be filled, and is equivalent to the next lower grade in the Federal Service. Specialized experience is experience working with programs that are involved in Patent Processing and Patent Corporation Treaty. CTAP/ICTAP candidates will be determined to be well qualified if they score 90 or higher when rated against the crediting plan. To be considered well qualified, CTAP/ICTAP candidates must meet the middle level of a three level ranking system for all evaluation factors listed below.

EVALUATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES: APPLICANT WILL BE RATED ON THE BASIS OF EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, AWARDS, SUPERVISORY APPRAISALS, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTORS. FAILURE TO ADDRESS EACH FACTOR MAY HAVE AN IMPACT UPON YOUR RANKING.

1. Skill in supervising, planning, organizing, and prioritizing work to coordinate multiple assignments on time.
2. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
3. Ability to gather information and evaluate internal work flow, employee productivity, prepare budget and financial reports, conduct cost evaluations, and prepare reports regarding PCT operations.
4. Knowledge of the Patent Operations, including the Office's processes and goals.

SELECTIVE FACTOR: Candidate must possess the following for consideration: Not Applicable

Conditions of Employment:

If you are selected for this position you will be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment, authorizes a background investigation, and certify the accuracy of all the information in your application (or resume).

A background security investigation will be required for all new appointments. Your continued employment will be subject to your successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements will be grounds for termination.

Veterans Preference:

Eligible veterans claiming 5-Point Preference must submit a copy of their DD-214 (which states type of discharge); all 10-Point Preference eligibles must submit a completed Standard Form 15 (Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference), a DD-214 (which states type of discharge), and supporting documents required (see the reverse side of the SF-15, items B and C) in order to receive veterans' preference.

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Selective Service:

If you are a male over age 18 who was born after December 31, 1959, you must have registered with the Selective Service System (or have an exemption) to be eligible for a Federal job.

PAY, BENEFITS, AND WORK SCHEDULE:

Selectee will be eligible for health and life insurance, annual leave (vacation), sick leave and will be covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) or Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), and the Thrift Savings Plan.

All Federal employees are required by Public Law 104-134 to have Federal payments made by Direct Deposit. Your pay grade and step will be set in accordance with Federal pay regulations.

How To Apply - SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. Candidates may submit an OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment, or resume.
2. Vacancy announcement number, position title and grade level(s) you are applying for must be recorded on the application submitted. If the grade level is not indicated, candidates will be considered only at the highest grade for which qualified.
3. Most recent supervisory appraisal and a recent copy of a SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (Status Candidates Only).
4. Statement of qualifications relating to the Ranking Factors.
5. CTAP/ICTAP candidates must apply for the vacancy, submit proof of eligibility for consideration, have a current performance rating of record of at least fully successful or the equivalent, and be within the Washington, D.C. commuting area.

FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION CALL: GAIL ZAMPERINI (571) 272-6182 TDD# 1-800-828-1120 or Relay System

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US Patent and Trademark Office
Office of Human Resources
Elizabeth Townhouse
Customer Service Center, 1A79
550 Elizabeth Lane
Alexandria, VA 22314

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE COLOR, SEX, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, LAWFUL POLITICAL AFFILIATION, NON-DISQUALIFYING HANDICAP, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AFFILIATION WITH AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.

I. REGARDLESS OF WHICH APPLICATION FORM/FORMAT IS USED, APPLICANTS SHOULD ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

1. The announcement number, title and grade of the position for which you are applying.

- a. Hours per week,
- b. Salary
- c. Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor.

2. Personal information

- a. Full name, mailing address (including ZIP Code), home and work telephone numbers (including area codes)
- b. Social security number
- c. Country of citizenship
- d. Veteran's preference: If you wish to claim 5-point veterans preference or if you are applying under the Veterans Readjustment Appointment provisions, you must include dates of military service and a copy of each Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD-214. If you are claiming 10-point veterans preference, you must also include SF-15 and the appropriate proof required by that form.
- e. Competitive status: if you are a current or former Federal employee, and if the announcement is open to status applicants only or if you wish to be considered as a status applicant, you must submit a copy of your SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, which shows you have status.
- f. Veterans who are preference eligible or who have been separated from the armed forces with honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply. (Under merit promotion procedures.)
- g. Highest federal civilian grade held, including job series and dates held.

3. Education

- a. High school - name, city, state and ZIP Code (if known) and date you received diploma or GED.
- b. Colleges and universities - name, city, state and ZIP Code (if known), majors(s), type(s) of degree(s) received and date(s) received. If you did not receive a degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours. Submit copies of undergraduate and/or graduate transcripts if the announcement specifies minimum education requirements, if you are qualifying based on allowable substitution of education for experience or if you are qualifying based on Superior Academic Achievement (see the announcement for details).

4. Job-Related Work Experience (Paid and Non paid)

- a. Job title (include series and grade if Federal)
- b. Duties and accomplishments
- c. Employer's name and address
- d. Supervisor's name and telephone number
- e. Starting and ending dates (month and year)
- f. Hours per week,
- g. Salary
- h. Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor.

5. Other Qualifications

- a. Job-related training courses (title and year)
- b. Job-related skills (i.e., other languages, computer hardware/software, tools machinery, etc.)
- c. Typing and/or stenography speed
- d. Job-related certificates and licenses (current only). Do not send copies unless required in the announcement.
- e. Job-related honors, awards and special accomplishments (i.e., publications, memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, performance awards, etc.) Give dates but do not send documents unless requested.

II. CTAP/ICTAP

1. CTAP candidates must apply for the vacancy, submit proof of eligibility for CTAP consideration, have a current performance rating of record of at least fully successful or the equivalent, and be within the Washington, D.C. commuting area.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applications mailed in Government franked envelopes will not be considered.
2. Applications submitted by telefax will not be considered.
3. Applications submitted by email will not be considered.

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4. Applications submitted by mail with a postmark of on or before the closing date of this announcement will be considered only if received in the USPTO, Office of Human Resources, within five (5) working days of the closing date.
5. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.
6. Applicants must be citizens of the United States (or owe allegiance to the United States).
7. Applicants with disabilities, disabled veterans, or any other applicants eligible for non-competitive appointment under special appointing authorities not requiring competitive status should clearly specify their special eligibility on their application.
8. If selected, male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must confirm their selective service registration status. Certification forms are available at most Federal agency personnel offices or from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
9. Applications will not be returned to applicants.
10. Applicants will receive notification of the outcome of a vacancy announcement as soon as possible after a selection is made.
11. Qualification requirements in the vacancy announcement are based on OPM Qualifications Standards for General Schedule positions.
12. Privacy Act requirements (PL 93-579): the application forms prescribed are used to determine qualification for promotion, reassignment, or employment and are authorized under Title 5, U.S.C. sections 3302 and 3360.
13. Candidates outside of the USPTO who are referred for consideration will be required to complete the Declaration for Federal Employment, OF-306.
14. If a vacancy is for a supervisory or managerial position, the selectee may have to serve a supervisory/managerial probationary period.
15. Relocation expenses will not be covered.